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For: MULTIVALENT VACCINE FOR  
CLOSTRIDIUM BOTULINUM  
NEUROTOXIN

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement mailed on February 26, 2001, applicant hereby elects Group I invention, as set forth in claims 42-45, 54-65 and 79-109 with traverse.

Furthermore, applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's subclassification of Groups I or II into i-xxvi. It is well known that "The botulinum toxins comprise a family of pharmacologically similar toxins [e.g. serotypes A through G] that block acetylcholine release from peripheral nerves and cause a flaccid paralysis. All of the serotypes of toxin can poison humans and other animals..." Page 81, left hand side of Schantz, E.J., et al., *Properties and use of Botulinum toxin and Other Microbial Neurotoxins in Medicine*, Microbiol Rev. 56;80-99:1992. (Attached)

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